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In re Application of:

James E. Mickelson et al.

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FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

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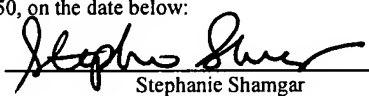
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 21, 2005.